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## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of  $SiO_2$  as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO, at least 0.1 wt% but less than 10 wt% of at least one of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $Al_2O_$ 

2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.

- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Previously Presented) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:
- a fibrous reinforcement;

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a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of  $SiO_2$  as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO, at least 0.1 wt% but less than 10 wt% of at least one of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $ZrO_2$ , and less than 2 wt% of at least one of  $Na_2O$ ,  $K_2O$ , FeO,  $Fe_2O_3$ , and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2  $\mu$ m to 100  $\mu$ m.

- 7. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 6, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.
- 8. (New) The non-asbestos friction material according to claim 1, wherein the fibrous reinforcement comprises at least one of aromatic polyamide fibers, acrylic fibers, aramid fibers, copper fibers, steel fibers, potassium titanate fibers and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> ceramic fibers.